



Step into CKLA

Independent Reading At Putman Elementary:

KINDERGARTEN–GRADE 2: LEARNING TO READ

In the early grades, CKLA or reading program focuses on oral language development through carefully sequenced, content-rich Read-Alouds as well as systematic instruction in reading and writing skills.

GRADES 3–5: READING TO LEARN

In later grades, CKLA continues to advance students' knowledge and vocabulary through Read-Alouds and in-depth discussions, while also immersing students in complex texts and advanced writing assignments that draw on the academic content they've been engaged in since preschool. CKLA Grades 3–5 combine features of both strands and further develop good reading practices and habits, including the promotion of independent reading. CKLA Independent Reading gives students the opportunity to select books of their choice, including books that may enhance or expand upon what they have learned in CKLA content domains.

INTRODUCING CKLA INDEPENDENT READING

Because words give form to our thoughts, dreams, and concerns, reading is, without a doubt, an essential form of engagement. As a result of the knowledge we gain through reading, we're more able to interact, understand, and contribute to the world in which we live. And, as a result of reading widely, we develop a greater understanding of our shared experiences. Reading develops empathy, curiosity, and a sense of belonging. It enables us to become better citizens.

Through independent reading, students are encouraged to set off on a journey of exploration into the pages of books that may transport them to a bustling foreign city, a rainforest, or a faraway land full of magic and mystery. And, like true adventurers and seekers of knowledge, the students are in charge of their own journey.

Encourage Your Child to Independently Read!